



Shane Owens invited Elba's very own Merrill Curran to join him on the stage last Saturday afternoon during his concert at the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash to sing a few lyrics in one of his songs.



Members of the Elba Volunteer Fire Department conducted a BB Gun Shoot for youngsters at the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash.



This young lady enjoyed participating in the "Pudgy Pig" contest last Saturday afternoon at the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash. The concept of the contest was to see how many marshmallows one can put in his/her mouth and still say "pudgy pig." Other games included a hot dog eating contest and whistle with crackers.



The organizers for the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts & Crafts Festival tried to keep everyone in mind last Saturday. They even had a screen set up in the endzone for those desiring to watch the Alabama vs. LSU football game. When Alabama won the game in overtime later in the evening, the screams of these fans echoed across the field.

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approved unanimously by the board. These included:

Certificated Personnel

• Approve catastrophic leave for Paige Watson, business education teacher at Zion Chapel School. According to the superintendent, Watson expects her leave to begin on Dec. 1, 2008 and end on Feb. 14, 2009.

• Approve catastrophic leave for Tammy Stevens, special education teacher at Zion Chapel School. According to the superintendent, Stevens' leave began on Nov. 3rd and will end on Dec. 1st.

Support Personnel

• Approve a leave of absence under the Family Medical Leave Act for Tabitha Sanders, full-time custodian at Zion Chapel School. According to the superintendent, Sanders had surgery and requested her leave begin on Oct. 28, 2008 for a pe-

riod of two to twelve weeks depending on her recovery.

Also during the board meeting, Dr. Ingram reported that the various improvement projects at the schools and central office continue to move forward.

While looking at the monthly financial statement, Dr. Ingram noted when the state shorted funding to school systems at the end of October that the Coffee County School System did not have to borrow any funds to cover salaries. She said the school system had enough reserve funds to cover the shortage. She also told board members that notification was received earlier last week that the shorted funds should be received by the end of the week.

The next Coffee County Board of Education meeting is set for Thursday, Dec. 11th.



John and Christina Nelson were among the many, many volunteers that helped make Elba's first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash a success. According to Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, organizers can not thank the volunteers enough for the work they did last Saturday.

BASH

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urday night with their highly entertaining show," Whitworth said. "This group, well-known for their performances at Breakers in Panama City Beach, is always fun to hear and watch."

For more information and photos from Elba's first-ever Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash and Arts & Crafts Festival, please look inside today's paper and visit The Elba Clipper website at:

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I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the citizens who voted during the elections. Meeting the people of Coffee County and listening to their thoughts, needs and hopes for the future has been an exciting learning experience for me. The faith that each of you have placed in me is humbling and I sincerely hope that during the next four years I prove myself worthy of your trust. To the friends who went above and beyond during this process, you will always have my appreciation and deepest respect. Last but not least, I would also like to thank my wife and all of my family members for their love and support during this, sometimes difficult, time. Without them, none of this would have been possible.

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Elba General Hospital officials announce \$5 million expansion and renovation plan

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba General Hospital will undergo expansion and renovations costing over \$5 million, beginning in early 2009.

Board Chairman Caber Mills and Administrator Ellen Briley made the announcement Tuesday morning, Nov. 18, at the hospital.

The project will be divided into phases, with the first phase starting in 2009 and taking about a year to complete. It will involve moving and expanding the already active emergency room part of the complex to what is now the administration section of the hospital. Hospital admissions will also move to this area of the complex.

This work will also extend the building out over the parking lot to Drayton Street. During this time and before the new administration offices are constructed, administration duties will probably be conducted from a trailer, Briley said.

When completed, access to the emergency room and hospital admissions will be improved.

Phase Two of the project will be to renovate the present emergency room area, into an administrative offices and add 20 new hospital rooms off that area to the west.

The rooms will be state-of-the-art, larger, have better wheelchair access and more accessible bathrooms.

The construction will encompass building and equipping all the new rooms to the day.

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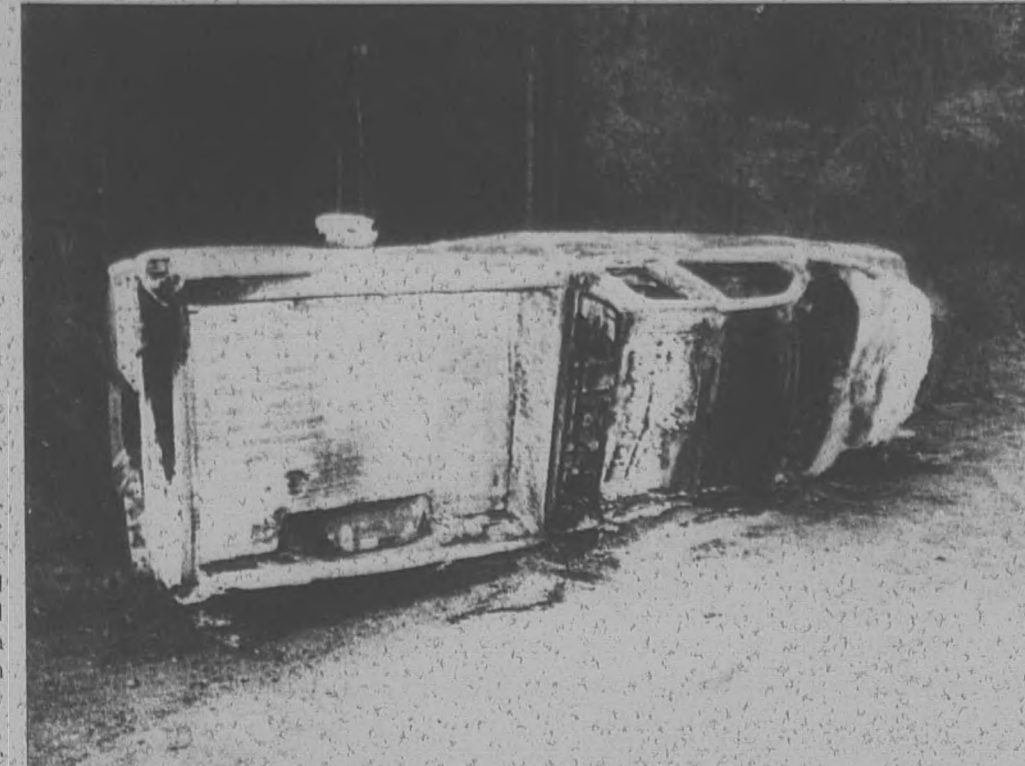
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ACCIDENT TURNS FIERY—Local emergency responders received a dispatch late Monday afternoon, Nov. 17, to the scene of a vehicle fire on County Road 513. Dispatchers received a call that a truck had overturned on County Road 513 and caught fire. Upon arrival on scene, emergency responders did find that the incident was the result of an accident that led to the fire. The vehicle was fully engulfed when emergency personnel arrived on scene. Fortunately, though, no one was trapped inside. Initial reports from the scene indicated that the teenage driver seemingly lost control of the vehicle on the dirt road, and the vehicle overturned. Members of the New Brockton and Elba volunteer fire departments responded to the fire. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Trooper office. Reportedly, the driver escaped this incident without serious injury.

District Six Commissioner Jim Thompson elected chairman

Coffee County Commissioners hold first meeting of new term

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners entered their four year term Tuesday, Nov. 12, and made it official with a swearing-in ceremony held in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

The Commission includes three first term commissioners: Dean Smith, District One; Kim Ellis, District Two; and Al Britt, District Four. The four other commissioners are incumbents: Robert Stephens, District Three; Bernest Brooks, District Five; Jim Thompson, District Six; and Tom Grimsley, District Seven.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, commissioners took their seats and conducted the first meeting of the new term. The first order of business was the election of the chairman for the year.

Nominations were opened for the chairman's position and two members were nominated for the spot: Dean Smith and Jim Thompson. The vote for Smith by the chairman failed, while the vote for Thompson to be chairman passed with a majority vote.

After voting was complete, Commissioner Bernest Brooks spoke of his support of the rotation system for chairman in that it better allows the opportunity for minorities to hold the chairman's position.

Commissioners opened bids



Newly sworn-in District Two Commissioner Kim Ellis is shown participating in his first post-meeting interview with a media outlet last Wednesday morning, Nov. 13, following the Commission meeting. Ellis was one of three new commissioners sworn-in that morning to begin their first term of office.

on a truck for the county's EMA department. The truck will be used to transport the portable morgue. The only bid submitted was from Ed Shering Ford of Enterprise in the amount of \$24,960.10 for a P250 truck. County EMA director John Jallas recommended approving the bid and commissioners voted unanimously to support his recommendation.

County engineer Randy Imhoff requested a work session with commissioners to benefit the new commissioners in the

facility.

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New to politics in Kinston



Laken Alexia White, 19-month-old daughter of Susan and Justin White, was wide-eyed in amazement over the strange, all new happenings at the recent swearing-in ceremonies for the Kinston City Council. She was present with parents and grandparents as her mother was being sworn in for her first term on the Kinston City Council. Grandparents are Jamie and Diane Keith and Tina and Terry White.



IN CELEBRATION OF FARM CITY WEEK...Representative of local municipalities and the county gathered last Thursday morning, Nov. 13, for the signing of a proclamation recognizing the week of Nov. 21-27 as Farm City Week. The purpose of Farm City Week is described as bringing a better understanding between rural and urban people by increasing their knowledge and appreciation of each other as partners in progress. Farm City Week is celebrated each year beginning on the Friday prior to and ending on Thanksgiving Day. The celebration in Coffee County will begin tonight as rural and urban come together in New Brockton for the annual Coffee County Farm City Banquet. Those shown above for the proclamation signing included (from left to right): Stan Windham, Coffee County extension office; Phil Thomas, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Lotley, Coffee County Commission; James Aplin, Coffee County Farm City Committee; Eddie Vaughan, Elba Chamber of Commerce; and Mayor Lenwood Herron, Town of New Brockton.

Area Happenings

THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS continue Friday, Nov. 21, with only one area team in action. The Brantley Bulldogs will host Sweet Water. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

THE KINSTON ATHLETIC CLUB WILL BE SPONSORING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Kinston High School auditorium. The pageant will begin at 2 p.m. for ages 6-9 years old and at 6 p.m. for ages 10-18 years old.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage department will run its regular schedule on both days.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE will be Thursday, Dec. 4, at 5:30 p.m. Parade entry applications can be obtained from the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, Elba. The deadline for parade applications is Monday, Dec. 1. For more information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

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NOTICE

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, the Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27. Therefore, special deadlines will be in place for next week's edition of the paper.

Church and Social News will be due to the Elba Clipper office by 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21. All other news and advertising will be due by Noon on Monday, Nov. 24.

CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. PHILLIP B. BOX, MINISTER
ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

"I have Played The Fool"

More than 60 times the term "fool" is found in the Bible. A classic is when Saul said, "I have sinned; return, my son David; for I will not more do thee harm, because thy soul was precious in mine eyes of this day, behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly." (1 Samuel 26:21) All of us could join with Saul at certain times in our lives and say, "I have played the fool." Following are some who played the fool:

ABNER PLAYED THE FOOL BY DYING JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY OF REFUGE. "And the king sang a lament over Abner and said: Should Abner die as a fool dies?" (2 Samuel 3:33) With his hands and feet unfettered this great warrior died at the hand of wicked Joab. Abner was deceived by Joab just as multitudes are deceived by the Devil. Abner died as a fool because he did not use his advantage — hands, feet and mind. Is your Bible open? What about your opportunities? Do you use your mind in God's service? Abner died stupidly, and many are wasting outside God's city of safety today. That city of safety is the church. Abner was one who would also have to say, "I have played the fool."

A PERSON WHO SAYS IN HIS HEART THERE IS NO GOD PLAYS THE FOOL. "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity. There is none who does good." (Psalm 53:1) There is no greater fool than the unbeliever. Those guilty of the folly of unbelief, become corrupt in their living and do not please God. To a person determined to live a sinful and corrupt life, the doctrine of "no God" provides much comfort. There is a God! He knows our heart. (Psalm 53:2) A person who today says "there is no God," will one day say "I have played the fool."

A PERSON PLAYS THE FOOL WHEN HE WILL NOT ACCEPT ADVICE OF GOD. "The wise in heart will receive commands, but a prating fool will fall." (Proverbs 10:8) Wisdom is seen not so much in what it gives but what it receives. The honest and good heart will hunger and thirst for God's way. The fool is always busy giving out and never taking in. He does not have that humility of heart necessary to receive correction. In this person subordination to authority is seen. The fool actually becomes a law to himself. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind." (James 1:5-6) A person who will not accept advice will one day say, "I have played the fool."

A PERSON WHO MAKES NO PREPARATION TO MEET GOD PLAYS THE FOOL. "But God said to him, 'Fool!' This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?" (Luke 12:20) In Luke 12:1-12, Jesus gave the parable of the rich fool. This man thought what he had was his own absolute property and he made no preparation for eternity. He should have become a Christian by hearing (Roman 10:17), believing (John 8:24), repenting (Acts 17:30), confessing (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (Acts 2:38). What this man lacked led to his great loss. He was not rich toward God. Those who are not rich toward God will one day have to say, "I have played the fool."

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Elba Ministerial Alliance city-wide Thanksgiving service set for Sunday evening

The Elba Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a city-wide Thanksgiving service this Sunday at 6 p.m. The service will be at Greece New Zion Baptist Church, located at 720 E. Davis Street, just across from National Security Insurance. Each church is asked to have one person prepared to give a testimony of why they are thankful or either read a verse of thanksgiving. Each congregation is also asked to provide a group to perform a song, drama, etc. of Thanksgiving. Microphones and performance space will be provided on the floor level for groups to perform in.

Community Thanksgiving Service planned at Zion Chapel Baptist Church on November 23

The Zion Chapel area and neighboring communities will hold a Community Thanksgiving Service at Zion Chapel Baptist Church, 27057 Highway 87, on Sunday evening, November 23, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. The other churches included in the joint sponsorship are Hebron Baptist, Mount Zion Baptist, Victoria Baptist, Whitewater Baptist, and Wise Mill Assembly of God. Everyone is invited.

Benefit Sing to be held for Larry Cauley on Saturday, November 22

A Benefit Concert for Larry Cauley will be held Saturday, November 22, 2008 at Country Cathedral beginning at 6 p.m. Featured will be The Goodnews Quartet, Derek Snellgrove, The Shining Lights, The Dyess Family and more.

Pleasant Shade to host their annual Christmas banquet on Saturday, December 6th

On Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church will host their annual Christmas banquet at the Enterprise Inn and Suites, Glover Avenue, Enterprise, AL. Guest speaker will be Sister Valerie T. Oakes of Bessemer, AL. She is Chairperson for the Alabama Baptist Convention Ministers' Wives. For more information call the church office 334-347-5195

St. Luke United Methodist Church to hold Drive-Through Nativity December 13 & 14

The St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise will hold their Drive-Through Live Nativity on Saturday and Sunday, December 13-14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The nine scenes depicting Jesus' birth and the events surrounding it are viewed from the church parking lot. Each scene has biblical characters in costume,

with scenery and live animals. St. Luke United Methodist is located between Alabama State and Heath Street, near the football stadium of old Enterprise High School.

The nativity is a gift from St. Luke United Methodist to the community. Everyone is invited to come and share in this celebration of Christmas.

Special training programs at Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Enterprise Campus offer employees of Wiregrass businesses and industries an opportunity to upgrade their skills in Quickbooks. This course provides an overview of the program. Participants attend

Monday and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m., December 1-15. The fee for taking this course is \$90.00. For more information or to register, call Carl Holbrook at (334) 347-2623, ext. 2208 or e-mail choolb@eoce.edu.

There are seven age divisions for the pageant. The pageant will begin at 2 p.m. for ages 0-9 year old and at 6 p.m. for ages 10-18 years old. The attire for the pageant will be pageant dress, heirloom dress or Sunday dress.

There is an entry. There will be additional categories that can be entered which include prettiest hair and photogenic (\$57 only) with an entry fee for each. Please contact athletic club member Lisa Wilson at 897-7225 or Shun Sessions at 897-2523 for more information or for an entry form. Deadline to enter pageant is Monday, Nov. 17. The forms and money must be received by this date.

All proceeds from the pageant go to support the athletes at Kinston High School.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is located at 329 Putnam Street, Elba, Ala. For more information call 897-3125.

An Art Show featuring the icons of the 50's and 60's (Lacy Ward-Copper Tooling) will be held Tuesday, November 25, 2008 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Spring semester registration for Lutheran B. Wallace Community Church is just around the corner. To help students prepare for registration, the spring and summer class schedules are available on the college website at www.lbwcc.edu. In addition, the two-year planning schedule is also available. Spring semester registration is January 6th in Greenville and

Opp and January 7th in Andalusia and Luverne. Spring semester classes begin January 8, 2009.

For more information call the Office of Student Services on the Andalusia Campus at (334) 881-2271, the Greenville Campus at (334) 383-6705, or the MacArthur Campus at (334) 493-5360.

McCown is the niece of Billy Parrish of County Road 223, Jack, Ala., and Megan Chandler of Jones Creek, Elba, Ala.

In 2008, the private graduated from Elba High School.

Christmas concert set for December 12 & 13 in Brundidge

Sheila Kay Adams, an Appalachian master storyteller and seventh generation ballad singer, will deliver her "Tell It on the Mountain" Christmas storytelling concert Friday, Dec. 12, and Saturday, Dec. 13, at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge, Ala.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. each night and will include an old-fashioned Christmas dinner and dessert, pre-show holiday music, Christmas stories and songs from the mountains. For ticket information, call (334) 735-3125 or (334) 670-6302.

Brundidge will tell original seasonal stories from the Appalachian Mountains and sing the songs of Christmas the way they were sung in the mountains more than 200 years ago. The concert is sponsored by the Brundidge Historical Society with support from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts.



Shown above is Mrs. Cupidean Crook and some family members

Mrs. Cupidean Crook and family recognized at Woodland Grove Baptist Church recently

Mrs. Cupidean Crook and family members were recognized at Woodland Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, October 12, 2008 for the recent donation of a wrought iron/brick fence surrounding the accompanying cemetery. Mrs. Crook donated the fence in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cos Martin and family, interred at the cemetery.

On hand for the occasion included Mrs. Crook's daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald New and other members of the Martin and Crook families. Festivities included attending morning services, followed by lunch and a presentation of a signed Certificate of Appreciation from the congregation.

Round and About With Eria

Rev. Donald Ash, Pastor of Hebron, will deliver the message. In the spirit of Thanksgiving those in attendance are invited to bring a nonperishable Food Offering (bags, boxes, cans) to be donated to and distributed by Christian Mission through its food ministry located in Elba, Enterprise, Geneva, and Troy. Dr. Paul D. Kendrick, Interim Pastor, and the members of Zion Chapel Baptist are hosting the event and extend a warm welcome to all.

Family and more. BBQ Sandwiches and other refreshments will be available. A love offering will be received. For more information call 493-7413.

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A NIGHT OF PRAISE at the Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, Minister Grace Daniels, Pastor, Elba, Alabama, will be held November 27, 2008 beginning at 6 p.m. This will be a Thanksgiving Praise Service. The guest speaker will be Evangelist Nettie Kate Bieker from Lake Wales, Fla.

Today is a good day! Be grateful. Eria

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LIFESTYLES

Reception to be held at Jack Assembly of God to honor Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Eddins on Sunday, November 23



Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Eddins

Kinston annual Christmas Pageant scheduled for Saturday, November 22

The Kinston Athletic Club will be sponsoring their annual Christmas Pageant on Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Kinston High School auditorium.

There are seven age divisions for the pageant. The pageant will begin at 2 p.m. for ages 0-9 year old and at 6 p.m. for ages 10-18 years old. The attire for the pageant will be pageant dress, heirloom dress or Sunday dress.

There is an entry. There will be additional categories that can be entered which include prettiest hair and photogenic (\$57 only) with an entry fee for each. Please contact athletic club member Lisa Wilson at 897-7225 or Shun Sessions at 897-2523 for more information or for an entry form. Deadline to enter pageant is Monday, Nov. 17. The forms and money must be received by this date.

All proceeds from the pageant go to support the athletes at Kinston High School.

The Elba Chamber of Commerce is located at 329 Putnam Street, Elba, Ala. For more information call 897-3125.

An Art Show featuring the icons of the 50's and 60's (Lacy Ward-Copper Tooling) will be held Tuesday, November 25, 2008 from 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. at the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

Spring semester registration for Lutheran B. Wallace Community Church is just around the corner. To help students prepare for registration, the spring and summer class schedules are available on the college website at www.lbwcc.edu. In addition, the two-year planning schedule is also available. Spring semester registration is January 6th in Greenville and

Opp and January 7th in Andalusia and Luverne. Spring semester classes begin January 8, 2009.

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2nd Annual Holiday House to be held December 1st in Enterprise

On Monday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m. the Coffee County Extension Office will present the 2nd Annual Holiday House. The event will be at the Enterprise Service Center, 1648 Park Avenue, Enterprise, AL.

Holiday House 2008 program will be similar to last year's with holiday decorating tips from several presenters. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more detailed information call at 894-5596.

Magnolia Home and Garden Club meets in the home of Syble Hahn for November meeting

On Thursday, November 6, 2008, the Magnolia Home and Garden Club met in the home of Syble Hahn. Janine Coles, president, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Program chairman, Miriam Farris, introduced the guests, Penny Stroud, Elsie Hilton, and Sharon Walker. Mrs. Stroud explained the Story-Telling Club of Coffee County to which these ladies belong. Mrs. Hilton, Louise Hudson reported placing floral arrangements at the three nurses' stations at the Elba Nursing Home. Members

then prepared birthday and Christmas cards to be sent to the Parlow Home in Tuscaloosa. A sharing of bulbs and plants concluded the meeting.

The December meeting will be on the 4th week Ann Miles, hostess. Prior to the meeting members will assemble at the Nursing Home and decorate the Christmas tree in the main dining hall. Anyone wanting to join in this fun, contact Janine Coles at 897-0691.

In the business session, Louise Hudson reported placing floral arrangements at the three nurses' stations at the Elba Nursing Home. Members



Holly Jolly bags are very important because the decorations, made with love, may be the only Christmas card seniors in the program receive and are greatly anticipated each year. Bags are available at the Food Bank in bundles of 25 and 50. Interested churches, clubs, schools, and civic groups can help by stopping by the Food Bank at 382 Twitchell Road to pick up a bundle of bags and return them decorated by Dec. 31. Food nations would be appreciated as well. Please call 334-794-4499 for more information.

ARMY PVT. TIA A. MCCOWN

Army Pvt. Tia A. McCown has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, riotous courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

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SCHOOLS



Senior Beta Club members Megan Sullivan, Richreana Singleton, Travonne Craighead and Gabby Pope.

Senior Beta Club participates in Pumpkins on the Square event

by Rich Singletary

On Thursday, Oct. 30, Elba High School's Senior Beta Club held its annual Pumpkins on the Square, during which local children and families come downtown to trick-or-treat.

The Senior Beta Club felt this year's turnout was the best they had ever seen. They enjoyed seeing the children dressed in their Halloween costumes, and they look forward to participating again in future community events.

Student Spotlight

This week's student spotlight is on Lanchessica Cross.

Lanchessica, also known as Chessie, is the 17-year-old daughter of Melvin and Catherine Cross, and the sister of Lance Cross. She is a senior at Elba High School. She has attended Elba City Schools since Kindergarten.

Chessie is outgoing and loves life. She likes to hang out with friends, spend time with family, listen to music, watch TV, travel and read, but her favorite things to do are text and talk on the phone. Chessie describes herself as "full of LIFE!"

Chessie is involved in many school and community activities. She is on the EHS basketball and softball teams, a member of the marching and concert band where she plays tenor sax and is the assistant low brass section leader, a member of Senior Beta, a Student Council representative, an EHS Ambassador, on the Tiger



Lanchessica Cross

Tales, newspaper staff, and a member of Tri-U drill team and youth group. She is an active member of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church.

After graduation, she plans to attend Auburn-Montgomery for two years then transfer to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to major in biomedical engineering.

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Elba High School holds Veterans Day program

by Rich Singletary

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the faculty, staff and students of Elba High School recognized some of the veterans in the community.

The students wanted to show how these men and women really love our country and point out that everyone should be more appreciative of them. Through this program, the students and staff at EHS really realized what it is that veterans contribute to our country and our community.

Veterans - American servicemen and women who have devoted their lives to us and our country - were honored during and after the program. Because society seems to overlook veterans without realizing how dear and important they are to our accustomed way of life, we wanted to show our deepest appreciation and gratitude to all veterans of the present and past.

The program at Elba High School was like no other. Veterans Day Program held there before.

EHS students took the program very seriously after hearing what a few of their classmates had to say.

Mr. Carille's 10th grade history class was asked to interview



Kendall Cole and Willie Tillis Sr. anxiously await their turn during the EHS Veterans Day program last Wednesday.

a veteran. The students were so amazed with their veterans' stories that they wanted to share them with the program.

EHS was honored to host William Calvin Carpenter, Greg Corder, Phillip Curtis, Roger Dunford, Joe Guerro, Mike Hendrick, Robert Howard, LaDon M. Morgan, and Willie Calvin Tillis, Sr. for the program. These men were shown a great deal of appreciation during this program as the student who interviewed each veteran introduced and spoke about his or her new hero.

Molly McGuire introduced her grandfather, and Kendall Cole spoke admirably about her friend's grandfather.

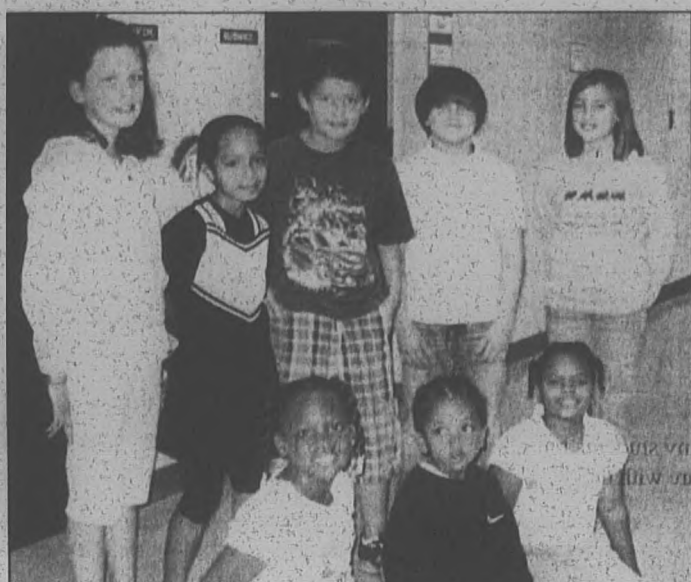
Justin Leadbetter gave an inspiring speech about the impact that veterans and their work have had on him. With several veterans in his family, he spoke of his grandfather, a World War II veteran, who often told him, "If a man were to approach me on the street with a gun, I would pray to God that I survive; but if ordered to rush into a battle alone, I would gladly die for my country."

Justin said when he was younger, he thought those words were just the foolish thoughts of an old man, but now, with more knowledge of his grandfather's situation, he can better appreciate and truly understand the meaning of that statement.

After the program, some of the students escorted the veterans to Elba Elementary School, where they spoke to each of the classes individually.

A simple definition of a veteran is someone who has served in the armed forces. However, veterans have done so much more than that. These men and women have fought for our lives so that we are able to live today in peace and comfort. Most importantly, they did it so we can be FREE.

Our veterans and active soldiers do not get enough appreciation for the job they do. So next time you see a soldier or veteran, show them some appreciation for everything they have done for us. At the end of the program, the class presented a video by Robyn Johnson.



MORE "TIGERS WITH CHARACTER" - Elba Elementary School students continue to show good character. These students have been admitted to the "Tigers with Character" club: Emily Andrews, Alexis Rogers, Miguel Gasca, J. Cole Spicer, Cammie McCollough, J'Mya McCord, Tishaun Hill and Myaisha Tyson. In order to be admitted to the club, students must show in word or deed Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Elba preparing for 2009 softball season

by Lanchessica Cross

Elba High School's new head softball coach, Betsy White, came to Elba with high expectations to develop a championship program that would help build female athletes' confidence on and off the field.

Formerly of Troy, Ala., Coach White became a star softball player at Charles Henderson High School where she still holds numerous records, and after

graduation she went on to play college ball at Gulf Coast Community College and at Division I Lipscomb University. She has helped many previous EHS coaching staffs in practice and has worked with many of the players as a private instructor at G-Fence Competitive Fast Pitch Training.

Coach White said her three main objectives for EHS are: (1) for the girls to become scholar athletes, (2) for them to become fundamentally sound to make it to state, and (3) for the girls to enjoy and appreciate softball.

Coach White began her search for the new varsity and junior varsity players during their tryouts on October 20-21. The girls all displayed their throwing, catching, fielding, batting and running abilities during the two days of tryouts. From grades 7-12, 47 girls tried out and 27 girls were selected for the varsity and junior varsity teams.

The 14 girls on the junior varsity team are: Whitney Compton, Sarah Bryan, Erica Edwards, Mandi Mallory, Megan Cannon, Shae Sams, Isabel Carpenter, Aaliyah Horstead, Katelyn Calhoun, Sydney Crittenden, Aspen Foushee, Caroline Marler, Hannah Morgan and Morgan Matthews.

The 13 girls on the varsity team are: Sarah Bane, Kei-Auna Edwards, Jaquetta Whitfield, Lindsey Carley, Cortnee Driggers, Molly McGuire, Bethany Wilson, Kayla Rials, Megan Anderson, April Finedore, Cortlin Lee, Brandy Caldwell and Lanchessica Cross.

While the season does not officially start until a February 16 game against Samson, the girls will be hard at work until then. The EHS softball teams also give special thanks to the Elba Chamber of Commerce and Shane Owens for all their help at the Foggy Bottom BBQ Bash.

SCHOOLS



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Zion Chapel third graders experiment with AMSTI

ZC students love AMSTI

by Heather Lee and Nathaniel Cox

Currently, the elementary students at Zion Chapel are in their second rotation of the Alabama Math and Science Technology Initiative this year.

The journalism staff chose third grade teacher Kristy Jones to discover what the students are learning through the AMSTI program.

The third graders are currently learning about the human body. This certain module consists of four sequential investigations that engage the students in thoughtful activities about the form and function of their own bodies.

The first investigation the third graders completed was the study of bones. Mrs. Jones said that many students brought x-rays to share with the class and they also constructed their own paper skeleton named "Mr. Bones."

However, Mrs. Jones said that the students' favorite activity dealing with the bones was

the owl pellet activity.

She said, "The students each had their own owl pellet to use in this investigation. They had to separate the bones from the owl pellet. Once they had found all of the bones, the students had to attach their bones to a bone identification sheet. The students were really excited when they found the skull of a rodent in their owl pellet."

Mrs. Jones was also asked if she thought that AMSTI was a positive program.

Her response to this was, "The students really enjoy being able to participate in hands-on science activities. I have learned so much myself from the AMSTI science lessons. AMSTI is really enjoyed by all students at all grade levels."

So it seems that the AMSTI program is a very helpful and positive program to continue with throughout the years.

Meet the Journalism Staff

by Jennifer A. Cook and Courtney M. Rhodes



This week's meet the staff members are Heather Lee and Robby Thrash.

Heather Lee is a senior at Zion Chapel School. She loves to spend time with her family, friends, and her boyfriend, Steven. She is a member of FBLA and the journalism staff. She is not involved in any athletics. Heather is working on an article about the benefits of AMSTI. She likes being on the Journalism staff because she enjoys writing.

Robby Thrash is also a senior at Zion Chapel School. He enjoys playing video games, working with car engines, and talking. Robby is a member of the Journalism staff and FFA. He likes being on the Journalism staff because you get to get out of the classroom to complete assignments. He is working on the Focus on the Faculty article this week.

Enrollment open for EOCC's aviation programs

Enrollment for Enterprise-Ozark Community College's aviation programs is now open.

These popular programs include aviation maintenance and powerplant and avionics. To find out more about these lucrative fields or these programs of study at EOCC, call Tom Kirk at (334) 774-5113, ext. 3644 or go online to <http://www.eocc.edu>.

The spring semester will begin January 12. To find out more about how to be admitted to the College or how to register for courses, call the Enterprise Campus at (334) 347-2623, the Fort Rucker Site at (334) 598-3438, the Aviation Campus at Ozark at (334) 774-5113, or access the catalog and class schedule online at

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Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony held at Zion Chapel

by Mariana Hood, Alicia Fraizer and Tanner Grant

On Friday, Nov. 7, Zion Chapel School held their Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony.

Grades K-12 attended to honor and remember the brave men and women who have made great sacrifices for American freedom. At 1:15 pm, as everyone arrived and became seated, a helicopter flew above the football field where the students and visitors were waiting.

To have this helicopter come, Zion Chapel had to have permission granted all the way from the Pentagon. Proceeding after this was the Presentation of Colors by the Enterprise High School NJROTC.

The part of the program that really hit all students, teachers, and faculty the most was the story of the 101st Airborne Division Company who spoke of the time period when they were stationed in Iraq fighting for our country. They also spoke of

how the care packages that Zion Chapel students had sent had made such a difference while they were stationed there. The Company members thanked the students for all of their support and help.

The Blue Knights Drill Team and Belles of the Blue Knights did a wonderful job in showing Zion Chapel students things they had never seen before. Their skills with their firearms amazed everyone.

Seated on the field were veterans from various wars - such as World War II, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the Korean War, and the War in Iraq. These veterans were presented with ribbons for their courageous efforts in fighting for our country.

Afterwards every student who had purchased a Veterans Day balloon released it in memory and in honor of all the veterans who had fought for this country. Zion Chapel took great pride in learning and appreciating all of our veterans on this day.



This helicopter flew over the stadium during the beginning of the Veterans Day program.

by Logan Leverett and Josh Richards

On Friday, Nov. 21, Zion Chapel will hold its second annual blood drive.

The drive has two main purposes. The first is to address the shortages caused this time of year, due to all of the travel during the holiday festivities. The other and much smaller purpose is to see who can produce the most blood donations between the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

The ultimate goal is to raise 80 viable units of blood, which would exceed last year's production by 13.

To give blood a donor must be sixteen, have parental consent, and have a valid driver's license as well. Not only can students give blood, but the students can also bring other people

to donate to add to the total of their grade. In this way, children who don't want to donate can still contribute to the grade effort.

The grade that wins will receive a pizza party on a later date. The pizza party is a small token of gratitude considering the value of a pint of blood.

The entire process takes around one hour, but the actual blood donation only takes around six minutes. The reason for the extra time is so that the workers can fill out the documents and run diagnoses.

The contribution of just one pint of blood can help up to three people. One pint of blood is not a great amount considering the human can hold up to 10 pints and can still function



Presentation of Colors by the Enterprise NJROTC

Focus on Faculty

by Hannah Tew and Robby Thrash

Zion Chapel's history teacher Mrs. Schwik has been teaching for two years. Her birthday is August 5, 1985.

Mrs. Schwik's favorite part about teaching is watching her students succeed. She has no children, but has two pets, Jay, her cat, and Buckeye, her dog. Mrs. Schwik's hobbies include listening to music, reading and watching movies. She graduated from Palm Beach Lakes High School in West Palm Beach, Fla., and graduated from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla.

Mrs. Schwik's highest achievement is graduating college with honors. Her favorite football team is the Ohio State Buckeyes.

She loves Zion Chapel and thinks it's a wonderful community.



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Editorial:

"Wall-e"

by Lay-La Hussey and Casey Rushing

The new Pixar movie *Wall-e* is based on a hilarious cast of characters who are all made up of robots.

This comedy is the talk of all America, making it the top number one must see movie of the year. But why are parents talking about a robot movie being good for their children?

Many parents around America agree that *Wall-e* will be a great inspiration on their children's imaginations. *Wall-e* is the last robot on earth that comes up with the key to Earth's future.

Wall-e is an inspiration for children to reach for higher goals in life. People who are looking forward to the movie say that many children, no matter the age, will learn to look harder for a future.

Children learn to set goals by role models in characters they can relate to, such as *Wall-e*. *Wall-e* started out as nothing but a confused garbage robot but goes on an adventure to fulfill his goals to save Earth's future.

His adventures will surely give children from all over the world the inspiration they need to fulfill their goals in life.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Ragin Berry receives 2008 John W. Harris Leadership Award

On Monday, Nov. 17, at 9:45 a.m., an awards ceremony was held at Hillcrest Elementary School in Enterprise, Ala., to honor and award Ragin Berry the 2008 John W. Harris Leadership Award.

Ragin was nominated for this award through the Hillcrest Elementary National Junior Beta Club. She was selected by the National Beta Club as one of only 25 nation-wide members to receive this prestigious award.

The John W. Harris Leadership Award is named in honor of The National Beta Club's founder and provides national recognition to only 25 of The National Junior Beta Club's most deserving members from over 5,000 clubs. Each year, sponsors may nominate one member who best exemplifies the ideal of leadership.

Each recipient receives a leadership medallion, certificate, and paid tuition to attend the Broyhill Leadership Academy in South Carolina.

Ragin is a member of the sixth grade at Hillcrest. She is the daughter of Kim and Ginny



Pictured are: Mr. Marty Dunn, Ragin Berry, Mrs. Jennifer Donovan, Mr. Hugh Williams

Berry of Elba. Her grandparents are Harold and Lynda Berry of Elba and Larry and Debbie Walters of Enterprise.

Ragin has a younger sister, Callie.

ADCNR sets farm pond stocking fee

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has set new stocking fees for private ponds.

Effective immediately, a 1-acre fertilized pond stocked with both bass and bream will cost \$300. All fertilized ponds with bass only will cost \$100 per acre, and for corrective restock bass, the cost will be \$150 per acre for 3-5 inches in size. Unfertilized ponds will be \$150 per acre for both bass and bream.

The fee structure will be a minimum of \$75 for fertilized ponds 1/4-acre or less, plus incremental adjustments of \$75 for each 1/4-acre or less that is larger than 5 surface acres. For ponds larger than 5 surface acres, the fee will increase \$300 per acre.

Unfertilized ponds 1/2-acre or larger will be stocked at one-half the cost of the fertilized stocking fee for bass and bream.

To request more information and an application form, contact the District Fisheries Office. Remember, all applications must be received at the District Office by the February 1 deadline each stocking season.

Fisheries District VI (Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties) 3520 Plaza Drive, Enterprise, AL 36630; (334) 344-7474; 9-4-6-7; michael.holley@dcnr.alabama.gov



UNUSUAL FIND...Clarice Gunter brought these two mushrooms in The Elba Clipper office on Tuesday. She explained that these mushrooms had grown at the base of an oak tree in her yard in the Basin Community. She also said they had a wood-like texture, which was evident to the touch.

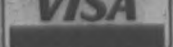
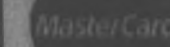
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9th Grade: Cheyenne Nelson, Dayton White
10th Grade: Kayla Hurd, Brooklyn Trahan
11th Grade: Dillon Davis, Hannah Forehand, Rebecca Hodge, Nicole Holloway, Nicole Mauldin, Landan Peters
12th Grade: Amber Grissitt, Drew Little, Kyle Tankersley

"A-B" HONOR ROLL
7th Grade: Lindsey Brumbaugh, Michael DeSandro, Kelsea Fillingim, Virginia Green, Daniel Hussey, Madalyn Ingram, Kailly Jernigan, Brooke Manning, Emily Pouncey, Terra Sheets, Jacob Smith, Shelby Sorells
8th Grade: Fischer Crowell, Kanonta Haynes, Kyle Kelley, Breanne Little, Ashley McCafferty

SPORTS

VIEWS FROM....

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

Melanie made the long trip down to Baton Rouge last weekend for Troy's match-up against LSU and for three quarters got to stand and cheer as the Trojans stunned the Bayou Bengals and appeared to be on their way to a lopsided win over the defending national champions. A massive fourth quarter meltdown eventually led to an LSU win. However, she got to see a game at infamous Death Valley and survived what had to be a wild Saturday night in Baton Rouge.

For what it is worth....

*** One of the area's daily papers published statistics every Friday and I noticed last week that a number of Elba players were included among the tops in the various categories. Tiger freshman quarterback Michael Lindsey almost made the Top 10 in rushing with 1,030 yards and 11 touchdowns on 149 carries, while teammate Carlos Mathis was also on the list despite being slowed by injuries with 725 yards and 6 touchdowns on 126 carries. Lindsey was also listed among the leaders in passing with 65 completions in 104 attempts for 741 yards and 7 touchdowns, and in receiving the Tigers' Gavin Respress was ranked 4th with 34 catches for 392 yards and 4 touchdowns and Richard Cooks was also listed with 18 catches for 259 yards and 1 touchdown. Linebacker Colton Vaughan made the Top 10 in tackles with 75 stops and freshman Tyler Anderson made the list with 49 stops, while Keenan Phillips was tied for 7th in interceptions with 4 and teammate Dylan McCollough followed with 3 picks. Cooks was also listed among the tops in kicking with an average of 35.8 yards per punt on 19 boots, hit on 1 of 4 field-goal tries and was second in extra-points with 34 of 36. The best thing about the players included among the leaders is that Respress was the only senior.

*** The state high school playoffs are in the third round this week and it looks like the cream has risen to the top. Demopolis (8-4) is the only team left in the playoffs with less than nine wins, while a total of only eleven teams left in the field of forty-eight haven't won at least ten games this season. There are thirteen undefeated teams remaining, with three unbeaten teams still alive in 2A, 3A and 5A. Of the forty-eight teams left, thirty-one are number one seeds and only one four seed remains. It should be quite a run toward the title in all six classes.

*** While looking at the playoffs, Brantley and Sweet Water have been on a collision course all season and will finally meet in a battle of 1A powers Friday night in Brantley, while in 2A Leroy trailed 7-0 after one quarter, but scored on every possession of the game and easily rallied to tie past Houston Academy 47-27. In 3A it was Daleville moving on after a 17-7 win over Loxley and Sio comb bowing out with a 34-7 loss to T.R. Miller; in 4A UMS-Wright easily disposed of previously unbeaten Elmore County 37-15; in 5A Montgomery Carver improved to 12-0 with a 21-13 win over defending champ Briarwood; and in 6A Spence McCracken's long and successful career came to an end when Opelika was defeated by Prattville 44-11.

*** The high school basketball seasons tips off this week all across the area and there will be some new faces in the Elba coaching box as Alonzo Barkley will lead the Tigers and Shaun Hammonds will direct the Lady Tigers. While the expectations may not be high for the fans, both coaches are convinced they will lead their teams to winning seasons and the players have bought into the idea and excitement. I guess there is nothing left to do but tip it off and see what happens. A look around the area showed that hopes are also very high over in New Brockton, while Kinston is looking to improve and Zion Chapel is convinced this will be the season it breaks back into the win column. Yep, it might just be a fun year to visit a gym.

*** It was another active week on the college football front as Alabama survived a sluggish offense to get past Mississippi State, Auburn had countless chances to win in a loss to Georgia and Troy's spread offense allowed LSU to rally late and avoid a huge national embarrassment. For the Tide it was simply another workmanlike effort against an outmanned opponent, while for the Tigers it was just more of the same and for the Trojans it proves again that while the spread can score points, it can't use clock and hold a lead.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator e mailed this week's picks over the weekend and stated he was now into basketball and would simply mail me his picks. I guess maybe the local guesser has had enough for this season, but he did hit on 9 of his 10 picks last week to move his season totals to 318-82 and made the following predictions....

BRANTLEY VS. SWEET WATER

The big Dogs from up past the river chased a litter of pups away from the pound last weekend and now must get ready for another litter of playoff pups that are headed to town looking to punch their tickets to the Super Six. The last time these pups got near the pound they got a whipping and then got sent home hungry, and something tells me they won't enjoy this year's trip, either.

BRANTLEY 26 SWEET WATER 21

OTHER PICKS:

Linden 29 Loachapoka 27
Leroy 42 Millry 14
Reeltown 27 Pickens County 8
T.R. Miller 24 Daleville 10
Gordo 17 Cordova 15
UMS-Wright 28 Jackson 7
Vigor 22 Spanish Fort 21
Carver 34 Demopolis 20
Davidson 21 Murphy 17
Prattville 31 Auburn 15

In a time of uncertainty there is one thing that is certain. We serve a God that is the same today as He was yesterday, and He will be the same tomorrow. We find, in Philippians 4:5-7, Paul inspired by God, writes "Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer an supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Paul's advice for anxiety is to give wings to every distraction or paralyzing worry, to turn it into prayer, anticipating, even while asking, a loving God's reply "with thanksgiving. If you have never asked Jesus into your life won't you do it today. Worship Him somewhere Sunday. If you do not have a church home, we welcome you to worship with us at Westside Baptist Church. Read Psalm 9.

Off to 3-1 start

Junior Tigers open season with wins

The Elba Junior High Tigers are off and running on the basketball court and have posted three wins in four games to push their early-season record to 3-1.

Following are early-season highlights:

Elba 29 N.B. 12 - The Elba Junior Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to claim a 59-12 win over New Brockton. The Tigers jumped out to a big 15-0 lead in the opening stanza and used a 32-2 explosion in the third quarter to pull away and claim the lopsided win. Shannon James scored 24 points and Kobe Goosby added 10 to lead Elba.

Elba (59): Goosby 10, Burks 4, James 24, Williams 6, Edwards 7, Griffin 8.

N.B. (12): Bryant 4, Jones 6, Brust 2.

Elba 43 Samson 15 - The Elba Junior Tigers jumped out to an early lead and rolled to a big 43-15 win over Samson. The Tigers grabbed an 11-0 lead in the first quarter, stretched their lead to 37-7 in the third quarter and rolled to the win. Shannon James scored 11 points to lead Elba and Harry Griffin added 8.

Elba (43): Green 2, C. Goosby 4, Burks 2, Jones 2, James 11, T. Goosby 2, Williams

Elba Junior Lady Tigers get first win of season

The Elba Junior High Lady Tigers have been busy in early-season basketball action and claimed their first win last week after opening the season with two lopsided losses.

Following are highlights of the season's opening three games:

Samson 48 Elba 24 - The Elba Lady Tigers saw a late rally fall far short in a 48-24 loss to Samson. The Lady Tigers trailed 27-10 at the half and 38-13 after three quarters, but staged a late rally and poured in 11 points in the final stanza only to come up short and suffer the loss.

Samson (48): Green 12, Preachers 6, Smith 3, Crews 1, Hornsby 18, Mock 8.

Elba (24): Singletary 10, K. Williams 3, Edwards 2, Sams 4, Starks 2, S. Williams 3.

Opp 34 Elba 17 - The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 34-17

loss to Opp. The Lady Tigers trailed only 13-7 at the half, but saw Opp go on a 12-2 run in the third quarter and never recovered as they suffered the loss.

Opp (34): Gerber 4, Free 9, Simmons 2, Lynn 4, Davis 2, Smith 5, Stoudemire 6, Edwards 2.

Elba (17): Singletary 5, Magwood 2, Williams 4, Edwards 1, Sams 4, Starks 1.

Elba 17 Coppinville 16 - The Elba Lady Tigers got in the win column in the opening round of the Elba Junior High Tournament with an exciting 17-16 win over Coppinville. The Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 6-2 lead and led 9-4 at the half, but saw Coppinville rally to grab a 13-12 lead in the third quarter and had to rally late to pull out the win.

Elba (17): Singletary 8, Edwards 1, Sams 8.

Coppinville (16): Kelley 2, Williams 2, Scott 5, Darwin 7.

Hunting Spotlight **



HALEIGH DEWBERRY KILLED HER FIRST DEER on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008. It was "take a youth hunting" weekend, and she was hunting with her daddy on private land. Haleigh is 8-years-old, and she is the daughter of Chris and Shae Dewberry of Jack, Ala.

Alabama High School Athletic Association's state football playoffs enter third round

Four defending state champions survived the Alabama High School Athletic Association's grueling State Football Playoff second round to advance to this week's quarterfinals.

Walker (11-1) going to Region 6 winner Cullman (10-2), and Russellville (11-1) taking on Region 8 champ Hartselle (12-0).

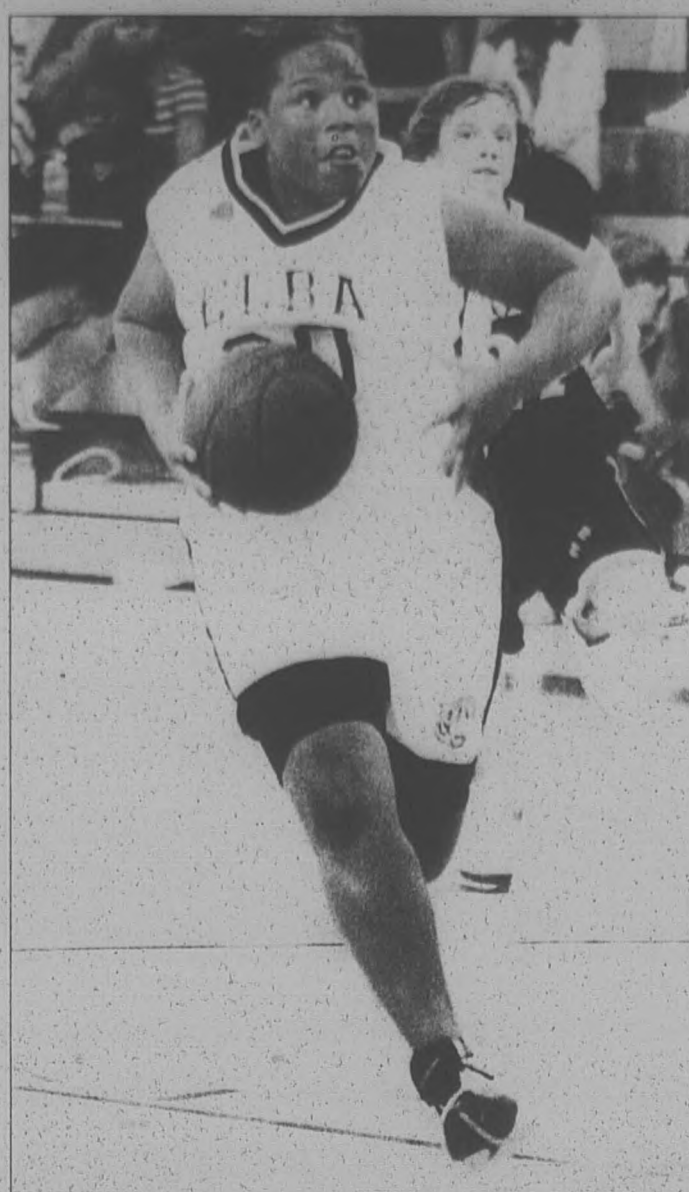
In Class 4A, UMS-Wright (10-2) goes to Region 1 winner Jackson (9-3), Handley (9-2) has a rematch with Region 4 champion Lincoln (11-1), Onotona (10-2) takes on Region 6 champ Cherokee County (12-0), and Deshler (9-3) faces Region 5 champ Brooks (11-1) at Killen.

Other region rematches include: in Class 6A, Davidson (10-2) vs. Murphy (10-2) at Mo-

bile's Ladd-Peebles Stadium and Mountain Brook (11-1) versus Region 6 winner Hoover (11-1) at Regions park; in Class 3A, in addition to the Gordo-Cordova battle, Piedmont (10-2) visits Region 5 champ Leeds (12-0).

Other unbeaten teams still alive are Class 1A Linden (12-0), Class 2A Clay County (12-0) and Tanner (12-0), Class 3A T.R. Miller (12-0) and Hamilton (12-0), Class 3A T.R. Miller (12-0) at Daleville (9-3), Gordo (9-3) at Cordova (9-3), Hamilton (12-0) at Colbert County (9-3), Leighton (12-0) at Jackson (9-3).

Class 1A: Sweet Water (11-1) at Brantley (12-0) Linden (12-0) at Loachapoka (9-3)



Elba Junior Tiger Harry Griffin drives to the basket in recent basketball action. Griffin scored 8 points in three of Elba's opening four games.



Elba Lady Tiger Shae Sams (23) dribbles upcourt against a defender in recent junior high basketball action.

High School BASKETBALL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Opp at Elba (4:30)
Kinston at Samson (4:30)
New Brockton at Geneva County (4:30)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21
Enterprise at Andalusia (4:30)
Kinston at Opp (4:30)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Bullock County at Enterprise (7:30)
New Brockton Thanksgiving Tourney

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
New Brockton Thanksgiving Tourney

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Ashford at Enterprise (7:30)

SPORTS



Brantley's Coach David Lowery talks with members of his team during a time-out in last week's 49-16 win over J.U. Blacksher. Listening to the time-out lesson are **Anthony Gulley (2)** and **Austin Mitchell (77)**.

In second round of 1A playoffs

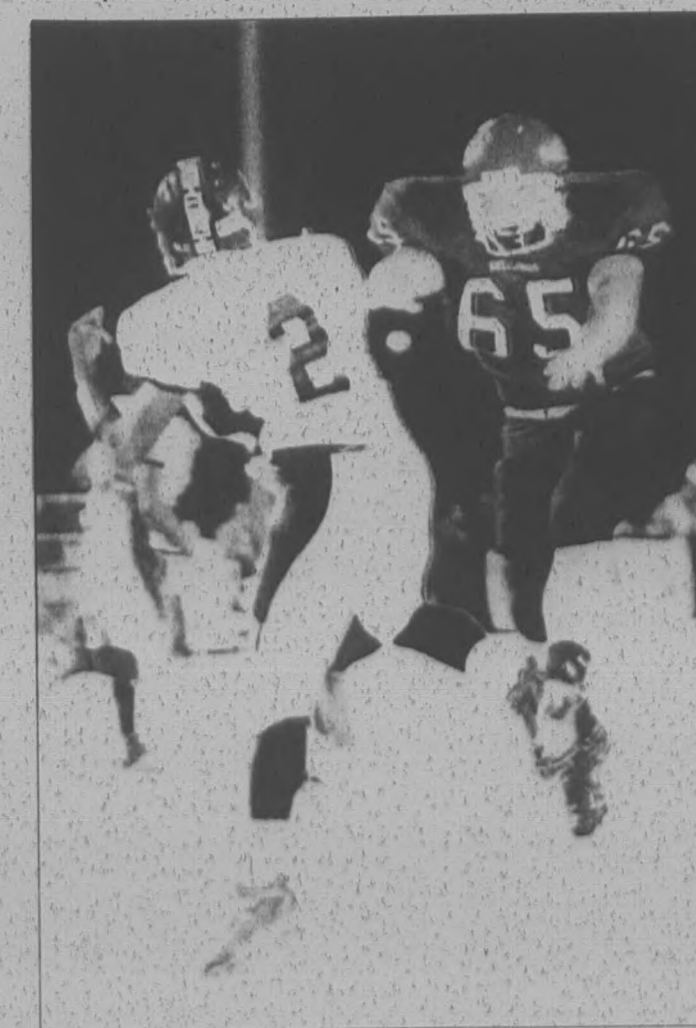
Brantley Bulldogs bury Blacksher 49-16

By Greg Branson
Photos by Greg Branson and Mike Capps

Round 2 of the AHSAA football playoffs saw J.U. Blacksher travel to Brantley for a "Battle of Bulldogs" and Brantley proved it was indeed the top dog in this second round matchup as it raced out to a 49-0 lead and easily held on to claim an impressive 49-16 win. J.U. Blacksher opened the game with a successful on-



Brantley's Anthony Gulley (2) is off and running in last week's big win over J.U. Blacksher. Gulley rushed for 190 yards, pulled in one pass for 77 yards and had a 40-yard punt return in the win.



Brantley's Zach Ballard (65) applies a pass rush in action Friday night in the Bulldogs' 49-16 win over J.U. Blacksher in second round playoff action.



Brantley's Britt Barnes (80) grabs a J.U. Blacksher runner as teammate **Freeman Walker (74)** closes in to help. The Bulldogs will host Sweet Water Friday night in quarterfinal action in the 1A playoffs.

side kick, but three plays netted a loss of eight yards and forced a punt. Brantley's Anthony Gulley returned the punt 40 yards to put the hometown Bulldogs in business at the Blacksher 36-yardline, and after eight straight running plays the Bulldogs were on the scoreboard as Stephen Walker capped the short scoring drive with a 1-yard blast up the middle. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point and with 5:30 remaining in the first quarter

Brantley was on top 7-0. Brantley's second possession started at its own 14-yardline following another Blacksher punt, and this time it didn't take the Bulldogs nearly as long to score as on the third play of the possession. Anthony Gulley went around the left end and raced 79 yards for a touchdown. Barnes booted the extra-point and with 2:08 left in the quarter Brantley's lead was up to 14-0.

Brantley's Jamie Burnett made a diving interception on the Bulldogs' 6-yardline to turn back a Blacksher scoring threat on the game's ensuing possession, and two plays later the Bulldogs were back in the end-zone as Anthony Gulley took a handoff, reached the right sideline, and raced 95 yards for a touchdown. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point and with 8:49 remaining in the second quarter Brantley was in command with a 21-0 lead.

Brantley forced another punt on Blacksher's next possession, and once again the Bulldogs made the scoreboard flicker as on the first play Chase Hall dropped back and connected with Anthony Gulley on a 77-yard touchdown toss. Barnes booted the extra-point and with 5:59 remaining in the half Brantley's lead had grown to 28-0.

Brantley's Chase Hall, playing for the first time in five weeks due to an injury, grabbed the spotlight on the next Bulldog possession as he completed an 11-yard pass to Tory Upshaw and then scrambled out of the pocket and rambled 40 yards for a touchdown. Britt Barnes drilled the extra-point and with 2:55 left in the half Brantley's lead was up to 35-0.

The Brantley defense got on the scoring parade on the game's next possession when Jamie Burnett stepped in front of a Blacksher pass and returned the interception 28 yards.

Anthony Gulley sparked the Brantley offense with 3-7 all-purpose yards. Gulley rushed 6 times for 190 yards, caught a pass for 77 yards, had one return for 40 yards and scored 3 touchdowns.

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE OUTDOORS

Bob Robertson (right) caught this 15 lb 11 oz, 31 inch long carp in October in a "secret spot". Fishing with light tackle it took a reported 15 to 30 minutes to land the large fish.

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Brantley and Sweet Water to meet Friday in battle of 1A football powers

Two of the state's perennial Class 1A football powers will clash Friday night in Brantley when the second-ranked Bulldogs host the top-ranked and two-time Alabama 1A2 champion Sweet Water Bulldogs in the quarterfinal of the 1A high school football playoffs.

Sweet Water has dominated 1A football over the past 10 years and has claimed state championships in three of the past four years (2004-2006-2007), with the only empty spot in the trophy case coming back in 2008 when the Bulldogs stepped in to Brantley and suffered a lopsided 30-13 loss. The Bulldogs also bring a 12-game winning streak in the playoffs, including last night's match-up and over the last five seasons boast a 10-2 record.

This season Sweet Water has posted wins over Thomasville 30-14, Marengo 50-8, Coffeeville 57-0, Fruitdale 65-7, L.F. Shields 78-0, Frisco City 45-0, Georgiana 70-24, McCallum 45-0, J.U. Blacksher 40-0, Geneva County 49-7 and McIntosh 45-0, while losing to Leroy 28-21. Sweet Water has won a 3-1 points a game and allowed 7 points a game was run toward yet another title.

Brantley hasn't win a state championship in ten seasons, but has been just as dominant as Sweet Water over the past five seasons with an overall record of 60-6. The Bulldogs from Cherokee County have scored in the 40's five times this season, reached the 50's in three games and scored in the 60's in the region championship matchup. The Dogs average 44 points a game and allow 12 points per outing.

Kickoff Friday night is set for 7:00 PM.

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the county.

Upon the recommendation of county administrator Kathy Lolley, commissioners voted to allow Lolley to receive estimates for the lawn care at the Enterprise Courthouse instead of accepting bids. Lolley said this service should be under the bid law amount thus allowing the county to receive estimates.

Commissioners also voted to allow the chairman to pursue a \$6,000 grant from ADECA for the Coffee County Water Authority. The funds it received will be used for three water well hookups in the county.

In his report to commissioners, Sheriff Dave Sutton wel-

comed the new commissioners and invited them to come tour the jail and sheriff's department facility.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a landfill credit application for Standard Roofing of Montgomery.
- Approved a motion to draw up a resolution for all commissioners who have served four years through the years.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Nov. 24, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

HRDC currently taking LIHEAP applications

Human Resource Development Corporation (HRDC) will begin taking Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) applications on December 1, 2008. Those interested in making an appointment should contact their local HRDC office.

An applicant must be the head of household or spouse of the household. If an applicant is 60 years or older or disabled, he/she can authorize, in writing, an individual to apply for him/her.

The applicant must provide proof of the total household

(gross) income for the month of November, 2008, a copy of a recent heating bill and a social security number of the applicant and all household members. If the applicant did not have any income for the month of November, 2008, he/she must provide written verification from a reliable source.

Reminder

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27. Therefore, special deadlines will be in place.

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTED THE OATH OF OFFICE last Wednesday morning, Nov. 12, prior to the start of their first meeting of the new term. The oath was administered by Coffee County Probate Judge William Gammill (far left). Coffee County Commissioners include (from left): Al Britt, District Four; Kim Ellis, District Two; Dean Smith, District One; Tom Grimsley, District Seven; Robert Stephens, District Three; Bernest Brooks, District Five; and Jim Thompson, District Six.

Linda Westbrook honored with reception at Zion Chapel Senior Center

Retiring County Commissioner Linda Westbrook was honored on Sunday, November 9th for her years of service to the people of Coffee County. She chose not to seek re-election after serving three terms on the county commission, including being selected by her fellow commissioners to serve chairperson for the Commission during part of that time.

The event was held in the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center, a facility which Mrs. Westbrook helped fund for the community. She was also instrumental in securing funding for the new building which is now used for the Center's activities.

Commissioner Westbrook was presented with a plaque depicting both the old wooden senior center which was moved onto the lot and the modern, new building which replaced it. Several hundred friends and family members attended the reception and enjoyed refreshments with the Westbrooks.

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Commissioner Linda Westbrook and husband Chip are shown greeting well-wishers, James and Mathelyn Farris as the couple entered the November 9th reception.



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During Coffee County Commission meeting Sheriff encourages citizens to "be safe" during holiday

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During Monday's Coffee County Commission meeting, Sheriff Dave Sutton encouraged citizens to "be safe" during the holiday season.

"As we approach the holiday season, we need to put our safety measures in place not only in our homes but also when we travel," Coffee County Sheriff Dave Sutton said. "Be safe and know we're here if you need us."

Coffee County Sheriff's Department chief deputy R.W. Whitworth echoed the sheriff's remarks reminding officials that such incidents as suicides, burglaries and thefts tend to rise during the holiday season, which begins this week with

Thanksgiving.

On a positive note, Whitworth said the department's success rate in solving burglaries is somewhere between 90-95 percent. He accredited this to a tremendous job done by investigators.

He said the national average arrest rate for burglary cases is less than 17 percent.

According to Whitworth, the sheriff's department currently employs one drug investigator, and two general investigators, and 16 deputies including the sheriff and chief deputy.

During his routine report to commissioners, Whitworth provided an activity update from January-October 2008.

During this time frame, he said the department has made

127 drug arrests, investigated 17 sex offenses, investigated 48 domestic violence cases and investigated 32 burglaries. Other drug cases investigated included 21 meth labs, 16 for trafficking, 36 for controlled substances, 12 for marijuana and 18 for manufacturing.

Also during this time frame, Whitworth said the department had received 10,795 civil papers and served 9,870. In regards to warrants, he said 1,509 have been received while 2,356 have been served.

During the month of October alone, Whitworth said 1,020 civil papers were received and 910 were served. Also during the month, 134 warrants were received and 185 were served.

Whitworth said the average daily population at the jail during October was 141 inmates. He also took the opportunity to invite the new commissioners to come anytime to the sheriff's department or jail to tour the facilities.

As always, the sheriff and chief deputy encouraged citizens to report any suspicious activity during the holiday season.



LOCAL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN ELBA responded Thursday, Nov. 20, shortly after 3 p.m., to a one-vehicle accident on County Road 364. Upon arrival on the scene, responders found that this Chevrolet passenger vehicle had left the roadway after the driver lost control and hit and embankment and tree before coming to a halt. Reportedly, three Elba High School students were inside the vehicle at the time of the accident. Officials said all three - Autumn Sasser, Seth Walden and Branton Bowers - left the scene by ambulance en route to Elba General Hospital. According to reports, Sasser and Walden both were later transported to a Dothan hospital to receive further treatment for injuries they sustained in the accident. Bowers reportedly sustained only minor injuries during the crash. Responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department, Elba Fire Department and Coffee County EMS. The accident was investigated by the Alabama State Troopers office.

Coffee County Commissioners approve tax abatement for Wayne Farms LLC

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Nov. 24, in favor of a resolution to approve a tax abatement for Wayne Farms LLC.

Commission chairman Jim Thompson said the company is planning a more than \$6 million capital improvement expansion project. According to Thompson, the issue was discussed more in-depth during a recent work session of com-

missioners; therefore, not many details were discussed during Monday's meeting.

Commissioner Robert Stephens did cite some figures that commissioners had received in regards to this project.

According to an impact of 100 manufacturing jobs study credited to the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, this type expansion project could lead to 415 more jobs, \$12,700,000 more personal income per year and \$540,000 increased tax revenue.

During annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet

Elba General Hospital receives 2008 Industry Award

Hundreds of people gathered last Thursday evening, Nov. 20, at the farm center in New Brockton for the annual Coffee County Farm-City Banquet.

The highlight of the evening was the awards ceremony. Among the award recipients during the evening was the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. The hospital received the 2008 Industry Award from the Coffee County Farm-City committee.

Elba General Hospital opened its doors on Aug. 15, 1963 through funding provided by the Hill-Burton Act and the tireless efforts of local leaders.

Originally, the facility included 23 patient beds, a surgery and recovery suite, labor and delivery rooms, a nursery and single-bed emergency room. Ancillary services included a small lab and one room x-ray department.

The Elba Nursing Home with 40 beds was dedicated Dec. 11, 1966 and opened Jan. 1, 1967 with the admission of 23 residents.

Currently, the hospital accommodates 20 patients on the Northwest Wing where they are closely monitored 24-hours a day by a staff of 25 nurses. Laboratory services are provided to both in-patients and outpatients using the most current hematology equipment available. Respiratory therapy services such as arterial blood gases, EKGs and pulmonary function studies are performed by a staff of certified respiratory therapists. The radiology department offers open MRI, CT scans and ultrasound technology along with traditional x-rays conducted by certified technicians under the direction of a radiologist.



ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME received the 2008 Industry Award during the Coffee County Farm-City Banquet held last Thursday evening, Nov. 20, at the farm center in New Brockton. The event "kicked-off" Farm-City Week (Nov. 21-27) for the county. The purpose of Farm City Week is described as bringing a better understanding between rural and urban people by increasing their knowledge and appreciation of each other as partners in progress. The Elba industry was one of several award recipients recognized during this year's banquet. Those pictured above include (left to right) Frank Thompson, representing the Enterprise Coffee Geneva Economic Development Corporation; Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home staff and board members - Ceina Spicer, Daniel Stephens, Mary Gray, Marie Lepore, Cabert Mills, Jimmy Cook, Ellen Briley, Emily Cain and Cindy Murphy; and Eddie Vaughan, representing the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Additional award recipient photos can be found in an upcoming edition of The Elba Clipper.

75 percent interest rate for the year.

County administrator Kathy Brooks noted that he did not support approval of the tax abatement.

Also during Monday's commission meeting, commissioners opened bank quotes for the annual depository renewal. Two local banks submitted quotes.

Troy Bank and Trust quoted a 2.05 percent interest rate for the year while CB&T quoted a

• Voted to give permission to the Martin Luther King March participants to gather on the steps of the Enterprise Courthouse on Jan. 18th to begin this annual march.

• Voted to set the Coffee County Commission meetings for the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 9 a.m.

In other routine business, commissioners:

• Voted to rescind a motion made during a previous meeting to send out bids on a fire alarm system.

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board recently met with engineers from Peters Municipal to discuss the needs and prospects for an additional water well to replace the Pea River well that has developed problems in recent months.

These problems have resulted in shutting down this well and pumping water out to the East Elba elevated tank from a downtown water line via an auxiliary pump and a temporary hose across Pea River.

Engineers estimate it will cost \$600,000 to replace the well and install a stand-by generator for operation when electric power is down. Elba officials are proceeding with

• Voted to change the Christmas holiday for county employees from Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th to Dec. 25th and Dec. 26th.

• Voted to seek legislation for the chairman to set an alternate meeting place for the commission in case of a natural disaster.

Elba Water & Electric board meets with engineers to discuss water well issue

the purchase of property adjacent to the elevated water tank off U. S. 84 East to locate this new well.

Marlin Cook, of the Alabama Geological Survey, has reviewed the site and assured engineers it is a good location and water will come from the Clayton formation, or from about 800 feet deep.

The pump being considered will be capable of pumping 600 gallons per minute.

Utility board members are reviewing all options before making a decision on drilling the well. The cost of a USDA water well construction loan is 4.5%, according to Mayor James Grimes. State and Federal grant funds are also being considered, but only a few options are available and often take up to two years for approval.

Grimes noted that engineers recommend the board consider private financing, rather than using government funds because there are far fewer regulations to comply with, thus saving considerable money.

NOTICE

Chapter One of "Feels Like Christmas" is located on Page 2 of today's paper.

Area Happenings

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 27 (TODAY), and Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, street or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage department will run its regular schedule on both days.

THE ELBA CHRISTMAS PARADE will be Thursday, Dec. 4, at 5:30 p.m. Parade entry applications can be obtained from the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 329 Putnam Street, Elba. The deadline for parade applications is Monday, Dec. 1. For more information, call the Elba Chamber of Commerce at (334) 897-3125.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED: The annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign began Wednesday, Nov. 26 (only one day this week). Beginning Friday, Dec. 5, bell ringing will continue every Friday and Saturday through Saturday, Dec. 20. To volunteer to be a bell ringer in Elba, call Barbara Turner at 897-5202 or Kristy Hickman at 897-2090.

News Brief:

The Elba City Council recently appointed Bill Brunson to the HealthCare Authority board (hospital board). He will serve a four-term, until 2012. At the recommendation of the HealthCare Board all board members received new terms of office. Cabert Mills, who was recently named Chairman of the Board will serve until 2014; Co-Chair Jimmy Cook will serve until 2012; while Daniel Stephens and Kenneth Strong will serve until 2010.

In other business Tammie Mae Faison was named to a term on the Elba Housing Authority Board.